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AFTER 50 YEARS - Alumni from the Class of 1947 attended the 1997 AMA Alumni reunion. Left to right, Mike Welch, first captain his senior year; Bill Rand, Harry May, Jack Field, and J. B. Simmons.

27th AMA Alumni reunion

Rollers and Livicks honored

The largest class reunion in the 27 year history of the AMA Alumni Association paid tribute to Augusta's founders and their descendants who gave each AMA man the unique opportunity to attend America's premier military preparatory school.

Particular honors were paid to **Colonel Thomas J. Roller, General Charles S. Roller, Jr.,** and **Colonel Malcolm H. Livick** who together operated Augusta for 76 years. There to receive the tributes were **Virginia Hallock**, Colonel Tom's granddaughter, **Linda Roller Livick**, General Roller's granddaughter, and Mal Livick. **Hilton Roller Grasty**, Colonel Tom's daughter, had planned to attend but was taken ill on the eve of the reunion.

Former cadets offer salutes

Three former cadets led the tributes. **Mickey Gordon, '39**, offered the testament to Colonel Tom; **Ed Click, '50** painted a word picture of the Big Boy; and **Jim Mitchell, '76**, lauded the service of Colonel Livick. The occasion was the annual Saturday night banquet.

Also at the banquet, it was announced that David Click, Ed's son, has earned the 1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship Award. A 27 year old omission was corrected when Livick and former AMA faculty member **Ed Clymore** presented an Augusta "A" to **Billy Parkins, '70**, who had assisted with the Augusta baseball team, but had never received his letter.

Founders Day

On Saturday afternoon, former cadets and AMA friends gathered at the Old Stone Church cemetery for ceremonies honoring those who went before. Chaplain **Bill Gray, '37**, read the honored names of those who had passed away

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Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

This is my last letter to you as President of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. Since 1993, it has been my happy honor to serve in this capacity, and I leave office with high hopes for the future of the Association. I have been through the spurious Moore campaign to raise funds to reopen the school, my heart rose when it appeared that the Wilderness Academy might occupy the honored acres at Fort Defiance, and I still hope that in God's good time we can see Augusta revived and thriving.

I thank sincerely the board members and particularly the officers of the Association who are ever there to serve their fellow alumni. No one can do this job alone, and our AMA Alumni Board and officers are the best. I must take a personal privilege to express publicly my love and gratitude to my sweet wife, Susan, and to my two beautiful girls, Amanda and Meredith. I missed many meals and nights at home with my family when the duties of the office called.

I congratulate **Goodloe Saunders**, your new Alumni Association President. Goodloe always has the best interests of AMA and its heritage foremost in his mind. I wish him only the best as he leads the AMA Alumni Association which represents the unrivaled best people in all the world.

Finally, I am delighted that our 1997 reunion was the biggest and most successful in the 27 year history of the Association! Nothing could please me more than to make that final report to you.

K. Gary Nicholson, '70
President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

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Faculty Facts

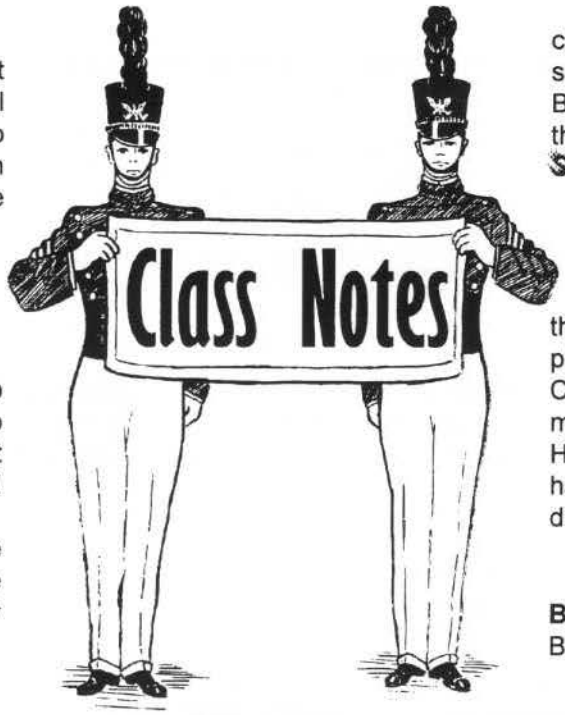
A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops
- Henry Adams

Colonel Paul Hoover recently celebrated his 92nd birthday at home in Lancaster, PA. Paul's nephew, Bill, says that Colonel Hoover *"really looks forward to seeing former AMA cadets when they come by."* One recent visitor was **Colonel Rutland Beard, '42**, who took along his 1942 *Recall*. *"We enjoyed going through it and reliving all the memories,"* says Rutland. Colonel Hoover had lived with his sister, Ruth, until she passed away this past December. If you can visit Colonel Hoover, please call first at 717/397-2624. His address is: 346 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603-3406.

Gordy Coleman taught English and grades 7-11 while serving as Lower School Housefather in 1974-75. Today, he is Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of the School of Library and Information Services at the University of Alabama. After his AMA days, he earned a masters degree at Florida State and a doctorate at Virginia before teaching two years at Baylor. Gordy's e-mail address is: gcoleman@slism.slis.ua.edu

Elsie McKinney will be 97 on 27 June. She is living at home in spite of a fire that threatened her house and her life until her grandson came to the rescue. *"He saved my life and he saved my house,"* Elsie says. Elsie was AMA librarian and taught 5th grade and dramatics in the late '40's and '50's. Her late husband, **W.D. McKinney**, taught algebra and history, and coached junior teams.

Virginia Wales, wife of the late **Colonel Sam Wales, '38**, is back home at Pennygreen, next to the Stone Church, recovering from angioplasty surgery.



1932

Captain Ben Chiswell, US Coast Guard, retired and Dottie travelled all the way from Lake San Marcos, CA to attend their first reunion since Ben graduated 65 years ago. Ben said he had a *"great time at the reunion"* and he and Dottie look forward to coming back soon.

1935

Dick Wilson and Marg had hoped to attend the reunion, but she had to have minor eye surgery and was not able to travel. See you both next year!

Julian Quarles has retired from the full time practice of law in Miami. He thought the 1997 reunion was *"truly wonderful!"*

1939

V.P. Leavel, following a recent illness, has moved into the Chippendale Retirement Center in Richmond. His address: P. O. Box 13135, Richmond, VA 23225. Phone 804/714-0822. We were all **delighted** to see V.P. looking so good at the alumni reunion!

1945

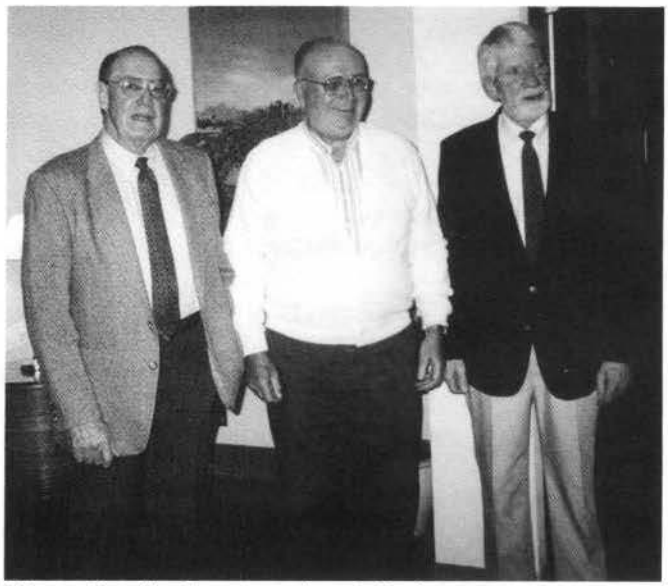
Frank Pursel has been out of touch with AMA for a while, not knowing that the alumni association is active. *"It was great to learn on the internet that the AMA spirit is alive!"* Frank's address: 182 Orchard Drive, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. e-mail address: pattypat@prolog.net

1947

Mike Welch, first captain his senior year, made his first trip back to Augusta since graduation for the 50th anniversary of his class. He worked with the District of Columbia courts system for 25 years and now is retired, living in Fairfield, PA.

1948

Bill Harris and his wife Frances had their bed and breakfast inn featured in the May *Country Living* magazine. *(See picture on page 5)*



When the Ad Astra reunion failed to materialize last fall, three members of the Class of '46 decided to have their own reunion in Virginia Beach. Dave Brewer, center, said that he had not seen George Snarr, left, or Tom Cohoon, right, since they all graduated in June of 1946. Dave was captain, George was 1st lieutenant, and Tom was 2nd lieutenant of A Company in 1945-46.

Alan Diamonstein, a partner in the Newport News law firm Diamonstein, Becker and Staley, has been named to the Mariner's Museum Board of Trustees. Al will serve on the board's trustee and governance committees.

Richard McLaughlin has hosted several Latin American families whose children are in the U.S. to have heart surgery. The families stay at Richard's Babylon, NY home before and after the surgery. *(See Richard's story in* **SPOTLIGHT**, *beginning on page 7)*

1950

Dr. Larry Elliott took post grad work at Augusta before going to the University of Florida where he played football for the Gators. He is Chairman of the Radiology Department at the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. He just had a triple bypass, after having diagnosed himself!

1952

Brian "Corky" Gardner retired from Boeing in 1989 after 32 years of service. He has been married to **Colonel Gardner**'s niece, Eleanor "Lee" Yeakley for 41 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. The Gardners are clock collectors. Corky would like to hear from his old classmates. Address: 14700 NE 4th Place, Bellevue, WA 98007-4915. Phone 206/746-3500.

1955

T. C. Lea, Jr. is an attorney in Culpeper and Virginia Beach. He previously served as a Judge in Rappahannock County, Virginia and was the Commonwealth Attorney in Fauquier County in 1966.

1957

Jordan "Jay" Pugh is in his second career as a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker Stevens in Alexandria. Jay attended UVa, Old Dominion and the University of Pennsylvania, went into the Marine Corps, then spent 25 years as an Ops Research Analyst at NAVFAX.

E. C. Smith is a timber broker in Gulfport, MS. He is married for the second time; they have 6 living children and 4 grandchildren between them. He learned only the day before **Ed Daugherty**'s death that Ed, '56,

had been living in Gulfport for many years without their ever having found each other.

1960

David Trimble is Chief of Security, Division of Safety and Security, at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond. He is a line dance instructor and member of the Virginia State Callers Association. David now has five grandchildren.

Frank Williamson got his old gang together for the reunion. *"We finally located **Rich Newman** in Macon, GA. I had not talked to him in 37 years!"* Others in Frank's group at the reunion included **Bob White, Ed Trott, Bob Gevrekian, Bucky Barber, Byrd Newton, Bill Campbell** and **Jim McLelland**. *(picture on page 18)*

1961

Jack Steele, his wife Kathy, and his son Andy visited AMA last October, and hope they can come to a reunion in the next year or so.

1962

Ray Kerlin lives in Virginia Beach. His e-mail: Rkerlin@series2000.com

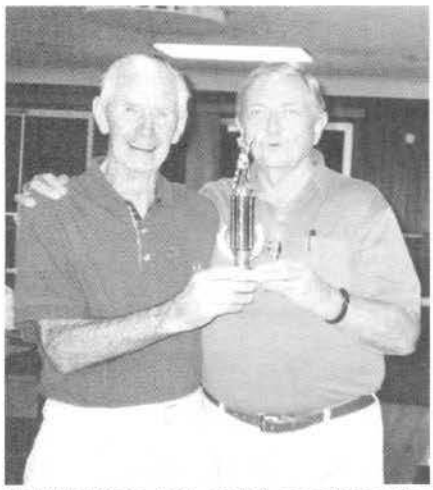
J. H. Woodson's new e-mail address is: woodson@cyberramp.net

Mike Stanton lives at 9287 W. Arizona Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80232. e-mail address: mstanton@ecentral.com

Bill Horan lives in Michigan with his wife of 25 years and two daughters, 19 and 21. He owns Michigan Aggregate Machinery, and buys and sells aggregate processing and mining equipment around the world. The Horans have a house on Grand Cayman where Bill loves to fish, trap shoot and write. e-mail Bill at: sales@michagg.com

Doug Blair has a new e-mail address: blair@JLAB.org

Charles Bowers did not know that the AMA Alumni Association existed until he talked with his old classmate **Peyton Lea, '65**. Thanks to Peyton, Charlie is on our mailing list at 7305 Villanow Drive, Sanford, NC 27330.



Hal Walters, '49, right, receives the Flight A golf championship trophy from Don Armstrong, Chairman of the Lake Worth (FL) Golf League. Hal said he finally listened to the advice he has been giving his golf students over the years!

1963

Rick Cazenave has a new e-mail address: caz@series2000.com

George Tompkins is a pilot for a large tobacco company. He, his wife Suzanne, and their two daughters live in Hampton, VA. George's e-mail address: ocean46@erols.com

John Wright says he has had a slight change in his e-mail address to: WrightJ@emh20.eustis.army.mil

1964

Don Harris and Judy live in Menifee in Southern California, 30 minutes from Riverside and one hour from San Diego. Don says *"at AMA, I played baseball, football and night attack (trying to beat **Colonel Livick** in midnight mischief)."* e-mail Don at: Judy_Don_Harris@msn.com

1965

Bob Walton writes that he recently stopped at a restaurant in Buckroe Beach, near Hampton, VA, where he had not eaten for years. Inside, he encountered **George "Tex" Tompkins, '63**, who he had not seen since Tex graduated. Both live in the Richmond area, and they plan to get together this summer.

1966

Ernie Greene coordinates vehicles for the Fairfax County Public Schools, the second largest publicly owned school bus fleet in the country. He is married and has a 19 year old daughter. After serving in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne, Ernie attended the University of Maryland where he was an industrial arts major. e-mail address: egreen@erols.com

Bob Cooper is a senior territory sales representative marketing diabetes and managed care products to hospitals, physicians and pharmacies. Bob lives in Fayetteville, OH, has been married to his Nancy for 26 years, and they have a daughter, Chelsea, who is a pharmacy major at Campbell University in North Carolina. Bob also owns a gym at his home with 50 members who specialize in power lifting. In the past four years, Bob's team has captured eight world titles and 17 national titles. *"No,"* he says, *"I am not on the team!"*

Tom Haley lives in Trenton, MI, just outside Detroit where he is a Wayne County Sheriff and county parks commissioner. He was a Navy SEAL in Vietnam.

Bob Bristow lives at 804 Suffolk Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3922. Bob says he met his squad leader **Gary Coslop** a few years after graduation, but hasn't seen anyone from Augusta since 1974. Bob's e-mail address: rbristow@chm.net

1967

Ernie Bucklew lives at Route 3, Dover, PA 17315. e-mail address: ernie@bucklew.com

Alan Poole travelled from North Dakota for the reunion. He has a new address: 500 54th Avenue SW, Minot, ND 58701-7642.

1969

Nicky Syropoulos has his son following in his grease paint footsteps. Nick has been an extra in several top

billed movies, and now son Andrew is one of only 18 of the 200 applicants to be admitted to the Baltimore School for the Arts drama department. Daughter Lindsey, 10, is following Nick's footsteps also by playing lacrosse. Nick predicts an Oscar for Andrew and a national championship for Lindsey.

Rex Rumley's new e-mail address: rrumley@cougarnet.net exp.net

Bill Scarborough recently called **Nick Syropoulos** to request that he be put on *The Bayonet* list. Bill lives in Bayou Vista, TX.

Bill Harris, '48, and Frances were thrilled when *Country Living* magazine's May issue gave their Round Top, TX bed and breakfast, Heart of My Heart Ranch, a four-page full color spread. Above is their twin chimney farmhouse which Bill and Frances built in 1980. On guard are resident Labradors Sara and Rita.

George Tisdale, III is Vice President and Senior Copywriter for The Martin Agency. He lives at 2112 Kelly Ridge Road, Richmond, VA 23233-6907. Phone 804/360-5719. e-mail: geomabrytis@earthlink.net

Howie Kaplan has two e-mail addresses:howiekap@worldnet.att.net or Hkaps@aol.com

Larry Reed has sent his e-mail address: reed0006@mc.duke.udu

Cesar Augusto Lacayo has contacted **Jorge Riverosa** and given his e-mail address: calacayo@ibw.com.ni

1970

Ron Ginns has a new home address: 32 Harvest Lane, West Grove, PA 19390. e-mail: RGinns@aol.com

Jeff Wenzel has located two cadets who have been lost to the Alumni Association for many years: **Charles Pascale, '69**, who lives at Route 3, Box 89H, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, and **Bill Eastment, '70**, 227 Fay Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Thanks, Jeff! Charles and Bill are now on *The Bayonet* mailing list.

Joe Gallehugh writes from Houston to give *The Bayonet* his new e-mail address: joeg@fellers.com

John Porcher, who was last heard from by the alumni association when he was living in New York, has turned up in Salt Lake City. His whereabouts were uncovered by **Steve Pearson, '72**, who roomed with John in 1970. John's address: 1329 E. 700 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84102-5316.

Jorge Rovirosa hurried home from the reunion to attend his 15 year old daughter's awards ceremony at Westminster Christian School. *"She received the 'Outstanding Leadership and Academic Achievement National Award' given by Kodak, which made Victoria eligible to receive a $25 thousand scholarship at the University of Rochester."* Do you think Jorge is just a little bit proud?

Thanks, Steve Pearson!

Special thanks to **Steve Pearson, '72**, for recruiting so many guys to attend the reunion. Using the internet, Steve located quite a few fellows who have been lost to the Alumni Association for a long time. Thanks very much, Steve!

Harry Reuben lives at 2114 Johnstown Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Phone 610/868-9669. He was at AMA for 11 years.

Jeff Dryer lives in Fulton, NY. e-mail: DRYER1@aol.com

1971

Garry Granger and Becky will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in August. They have 3 children: Heather, 20, a sophomore at the University of North Texas; Stephen, 16, a freshman at Fork Union; and Matthew, 12, a 6th grader and soccer/skateboard expert. Garry has been with Performance Food Group for 24 years. He lives in Double Oak, TX. e-mail: Granger_Garry@msn.com

Mark "Henry" Femrite checks in from Blacksburg with his brand new e-mail address: MFemrite@aol.com

Michael Sisak teaches chemistry at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI. After AMA, he got a BA in journalism at Washington and Lee, a BS in chemistry from Penn State, and a Phd in physical chemistry at Illinois. He did his post doctoral studies at the University of Montreal. e-mail Mike at: sisak@nadn.navy.mil

Rich Maschak will retire from the Air Force this year. He is now stationed at Langley AFB where he recently *"married an instant family, which I*

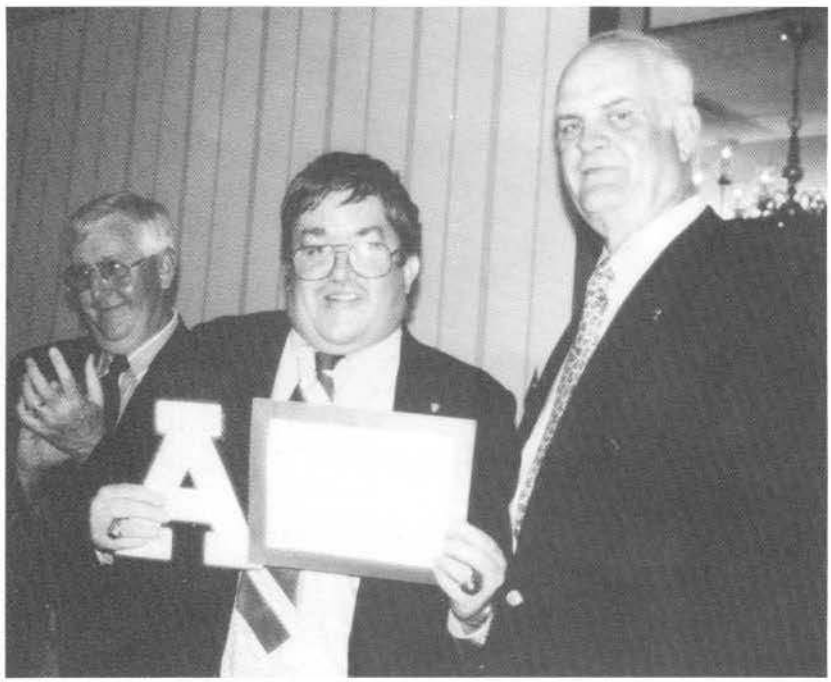
dearly love... We'll be at the 1998 AMA reunion for sure..."

Phil Vaden send his e-mail address from Woodbridge, VA: VadenP@msn. com Phone 757/868-4938.

Layton Brown Carr's e-mail address: lbcarr@msn.com

John Paulsen manages a heavy rental equipment company in Leesburg, FL. He just got married. John's address: 34032 Valencia Drive, Leesburg, FL 34788-3533.

David Hodges also has an e-mail address: dahdwh@erols.com



Former AMA faculty member and baseball coach Ed Clymore, left, joins with Colonel Mal Livick, right, in presenting Billy Parkins, '70, with his letter for managing the Blue Streak baseball team. For some reason, Billy did not get the coveted Augusta "A" his senior year. So, 27 years late, Billy got his letter at the reunion banquet Saturday night.

1972

Harry Baldwin, as we reported in the last issue, is raising draft horses at his home in Swoope, VA. Several fellows who attended the reunion visited Harry's farm only to find that he was away taking a special course in how to handle 6 horses hooked up to a beer wagon! Watch for Harry in a forthcoming beer commercial.

1973

Chris Hart has a new e-mail address: cshart@erols.com

1974

Rich "Monk" McCaffrey and his wife Dee Dee have been married for 14 years. They have 4 children: Richie, 14; Patty, 11; Jack, 9; and Katie, 2. Rick owns a construction company in Rockville, MD. His e-mail address: deedee@mindspring.com

Mike Bruder and Sabra journeyed from Indiana for the 1997 AMA alumni reunion. Sabra volunteered to tend bar in the hospitality suite as her contribution to the very successful weekend. e-mail: mike@csinet.net

1977

Mac McWilliams sent an e-mail from Salisbury, MD with the bad news that he had to work the first weekend in May and could not get back for his 20th reunion. He and Becky have been married 13 years and have two sons: David, 12, and Charles, 7. He works for Home Paramount Pest Control. You can e-mail Mac at: mkm@shore.intercom.net

1978

Adolfo Solorzano lives in Miami. e-mail:photoclinic@presidency.com

1980

William Huegel sends his e-mail address from his home in Tamaqua, PA: hue4@pottsville.infi.net

1984

Chris Meek represented the last class at Augusta at the May reunion.

Would you be

SHOCKED

to learn than only 5% of known AMA Alumni contribute to the AMA Alumni Association?

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SPOTLIGHT on RICHARD McLAUGHLIN, '48

Rescued the King of the Belgians in World War II

It was Spring, and Salzburg, Austria looked like a picture postcard. The natives were dressed in their *liederhozen* and the tops of the Alps surrounding Salzburg were garnished with snow. But the peaceful scene camouflaged the truth: Hitler's Nazi Germany had just surrendered and the appalling European portion of World War II had ended officially on 8 May 1945.

Richard McLaughlin, '48, was a 20 year old sergeant in General George Patton's Third Army. A point gunner in Troop A of the 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, McLaughlin had joined the Army in 1943 after he had reached his 18th birthday. Richard grew up in Staunton and was attending Lee High School when the long arm of Uncle Sam snatched him up and sent him off to Europe.

Richard McLaughlin, upper left, atop an armored car, somewhere in Germany, 1945. Four of the eight men in the photo did not make it back from the War.

Troops were expendable

Patton used his cavalry to perform reconnaissance missions far in front of regular combat units. Their job was to locate and engage the German troops, pushing as far east as logistics would permit. *"We soldiers in the 106th really were expendable,"* Richard says. *"Our job was to feel out the enemy's strength which saved the infantry from many unnecessary casualties. If we tangled with a German unit larger than a company of infantry, our job was to hold them until our tanks, tank destroyers and infantry passed through our unit to attack."* Troop A was composed of three teams, each with an armored car, a light tank, and two jeeps. One jeep, the point car, was mounted with a .60 calibre machine gun.

"After we took Munich (in southeast Germany), we continued east to liberate Austria," Richard recalls. *"The Autobahn was filled with thousands of German soldiers, most of them on foot, on their way back home. German scout cars, tanks with white flags flying, and horse-drawn wagons all were heading west. The German soldiers had their heads down and as our unit passed, they parted to make way for us without making a sound..."*

In World War II, General Patton's Third Army took some 1.2 million German prisoners, killed or wounded another half million, and freed 81,000 square miles from Nazi domination.

The retreating Germans had blown the Autobahn highway bridge going into Salzburg, so the 106th entered the city over a railroad bridge, having to navigate around a stranded locomotive in the center of the span. Richard says that *"After we had rounded up some German soldiers in the city, our colonel was given a letter from an Austrian Prince telling him that the King of Belgium and his family were being held under SS guard in the nearby village of St. Gilgen."*

King remained in Belgium

Belgium had been invaded by Germany on 10 May 1940, almost precisely five years previously. The Belgian army surrendered 28 May with King Leopold III remaining in German-occupied Belgium while the Belgian cabinet removed to the safety of London. As Allied forces smashed their way across Europe in late 1944 and early 1945, the King and his family were moved to the Austrian mountains near Hitler's strongly-guarded retreat at Berchtesgaden. The SS, originally an elite Nazi unit created to serve as a bodyguard to Hitler, later expanded to police action, intelligence, and the extermination of those the Nazis considered undesirable. These fanatics were pledged to fight to the death for Hitler, and where the SS had control, American troops were forced into many horrific bloodbaths.

"As we moved on St. Gilgen (where the SS was in charge), none of us knew what was going to happen. It

was a frightening time, but the garrison where the royal family was being held was captured without a shot being fired." It was the 9th of May and the war had been over for 24 hours.

Royal family alive and well

The King of the Belgians, Leopold III, his second wife[1], his three children, and an entourage of some 50 servants, military assistants, and advisors were soon found alive and well. Princess Josephine Charlotte, Crown Prince Baudouin (King from 1951 until 1993), and Prince Albert (now the King of the Belgians) were all in the party. *"For the next two months, our job was to protect and entertain the royal family. We took them on picnics, boat rides, and trips on the cog railway, the one in Sound of Music. To say the least, it was quite a change from our days of fighting our way across Europe."* The royal family mixed easily with the American GIs; Richard and his fellow soldiers had many opportunities for informal conversations during their 60 days as royal guards.

Many Belgians criticized Leopold for staying in Belgium under German occupation and because of his second marriage to a commoner. The family eventually moved to Switzerland where they remained for five full years until Baudouin, the oldest son, reached age 18. He then became King and occupied the throne in Brussels from 1951 until his death, at age 63, in 1993.

During the years following the war, Richard stayed in touch with the royal family, and when Baudouin passed away in 1993, Richard attended his funeral at St. Michael's Cathedral in Brussels as the sole representative of the 106th Cavalry. He was in the company of England's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and other world leaders.

Years at Augusta

The war over, Richard came home and enrolled at Augusta, just as his grandfather **Charles McLaughlin, '05**, had done more than two score years before. His senior year, Richard was Battalion Supply Officer and housefather at J Barracks which earned him the nick-name "Mother Mac". After AMA, Richard attended Virginia Tech, then went to work for NASA at the Radford, VA Arsenal, later transferring to Waco, TX, Utah, Plattsburgh, NY, and Missouri where he worked on Honest John, Nike, and Minuteman missiles, and the space shuttle. After his mother's death in 1982, he took over her retail clothing business in Babylon, NY on Long Island.

He plans to move back home to Staunton in the near future where he will renew his campaign for a life size statue of Woodrow Wilson at the birthplace of the 28th President of the United States.

Anyone interested in helping Richard McLaughlin to commission and erect a life-sized statue of Woodrow Wilson (see picture at right) at the Wilson Birthplace in Staunton should contact Richard at 516/422-6660.

[1]The King's first wife had been killed in an automobile accident before the war. She was the mother of the three children who were imprisoned at St. Gilgen.

Leopold III, King of the Belgians, and his wife, Salzburg, Austria, Spring of 1945.

Pictured above is a foot tall model of the life-sized statue of Woodrow Wilson, displayed in front of the Wilson Birthplace in downtown Staunton. Richard McLaughlin, '48, heads an effort to commission and erect the monument to the 28th President.

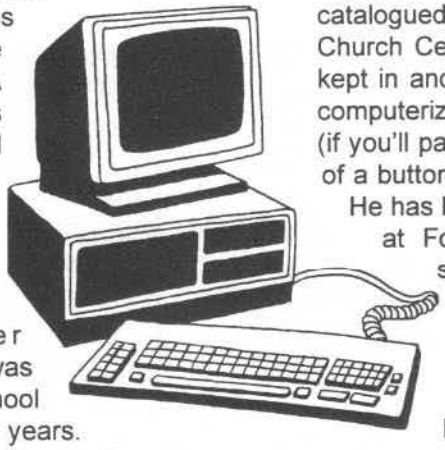
David Click earns Legacy Scholarship

David Karlsson Click, son of **Edwin F. Click, '50**, and Suzanne has earned the 1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship. The award was made at the Saturday night banquet during the annual AMA alumni reunion.

1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship winner David Click with his parents, Sue and Ed Click, '50, and brother Bill.

An independent educator reviewed all applications, winnowing them down to two finalists. A panel of three outside educators made the final selection from the two.

David plans to major in computer science at the University of Virginia, with software design as his major interest. He has grown up less than a mile south of AMA where he, his parents, and his brother Bill have lived for some time. David's grandmother (Ed's mother) was the AMA school nurse for many years.



Active youth

David has been involved with scouting since the first grade and became an Eagle Scout at age 13. He has held every leadership position in his patrol and is now the Junior Assistant Scout master. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, a worldwide group of Boy Scouts chosen for their exemplary service.

A gifted musician, David has played the piano for 11 years, and will play a Polonaise by Chopin in his June recital. He serves as substitute organist at the Old Stone Church. He has been the school champion in the Virginia Math League competition and scored 790 on the math section of the SAT, missing not a single question on the math portion of the PSAT.

Cemetery project

For an Eagle Scout project, David catalogued the 253 year old Stone Church Cemetery. Records, formerly kept in ancient ledgers, are now in a computerized format and accessible (if you'll pardon the pun) at the "click" of a button.

He has been active in the Key Club at Fort Defiance High School since he entered the school. He assists local Kiwanians in trash pickup along the highway, and volunteers at Valley Mission, a homeless shelter. David also volunteers often at an Augusta County local food bank.

David attends the Governor's School, a magnet school stressing math, science, and technology. *"I just completed a research program that required 4 months of programming,"* he says. *"I have constructed a robot... and am working on a Computer-Aided Design / Computer-Aided Manufacturing program (CAD/CAM) to draw an object in one program and have it mechanically reproduced by a computer-operated lathe."* He takes calculus in a dual enrollment course with Blue Ridge Community College.

Hobbies

It will surprise no one that one of David's hobbies is computers. He also loves camping and snow skiing. He is co-captain of the Fort Defiance High tennis team.

His math instructor says that David *"has a sense of humor and the patience which allows him to take on challenges that may seem impossible... He keeps things light (but) he is very mature."*

In addition to UVa, David was offered admission to Virginia Tech.

Praise for his Dad

"My Dad has always been one of my role models," says David. *"He has the best sense of humor in the world, so whenever I'm down, he has some joke (although they're occasionally really weird) that can brighten my day. He has been a good motivator who has taught me not to procrastinate... Dad also has been a great teacher... and he has taught me honesty, integrity, and responsibility. My parents have always been more guiding than bossy. Thanks to both of them, I have had experience in many areas..."*

Concern about cheating

David says that his generation's biggest obstacle is lack of honesty. *"Too many students think that cheating is okay, from elementary school on... Even in my Advanced Placement classes that have 'the best students,' there is cheating. I don't cheat because I value my sense of honesty and integrity."*

The AMA Legacy Scholarship Award of $1,000 is awarded annually to the child or grandchild of an AMA alumnus who is entering an institution of higher learning for the first time.

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an AMA Alumni shoulder patch!

Who was the first president of the AMA Alumni Association, elected in 1970?

Mail, FAX or e-mail your answer to **The Bayonet**. Deadline: 15 July 1997. 3 winners will be drawn from the correct answers received by that date. Winners will receive an **official** AMA Alumni Association blue and white shoulder patch.

Goodloe Saunders, '57, new alumni president

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of his graduation from AMA, **Robert Goodloe Saunders, III, '57**, was elected President of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association at the annual reunion in Staunton.

Saunders will take over from **Gary Nicholson, '70**, on 1 July. Nicholson had announced his retirement after having served as President since 1993. *(See Gary's letter on page 2)*

Saunders had a 24 year career in the Air Force, graduated from the Air War College, and retired in 1990 as a lieutenant colonel. He won the Bronze Star in Thailand.

Later, he owned and operated The Flower Man florist shop in Charlottesville which he had purchased from the late **Ron Mahanes, '53**. Recently, he sold the business back to Dora "Doe" Mahanes, Ron's wife.

Robert Goodloe Saunders, II

Goodloe and his wife Brenda live in Afton. They have 4 children: Robert III, Bailey, Jamie, and Christie.

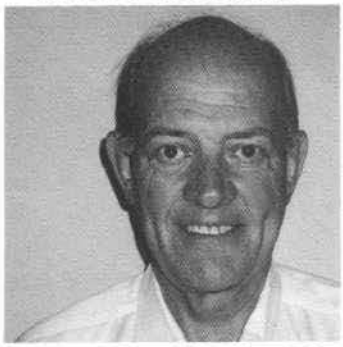
He received a degree in economics from Roanoke College in 1965 and a masters from Central Michigan University in 1982 while he was on active duty. After leaving the Air Force in 1990, he was associated with the John Hancock Insurance Company.

Saunders serves as President of the James R. Goodloe Hunt Club.

At AMA, he was First Captain and battalion commander, a member of Ad Astra, the Honor Committee, and the Roller Rifles, and won the YMCA medal in his senior year. He played on both the football and lacrosse teams while at Augusta.

Saunders has served for some time as a Director of the AMA Alumni Association.

Vice President



Bob Bradford, '50

Bob retired in June of 1996 after having served for 13 years as Senior Vice President of Safeway, Inc., the nation's second largest supermarket chain.

He lives in Danville, CA with his wife Nancy. Last November, he completed a second term as Chairman of the National Easter Seal Society. Bob spent 13 years on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC as Administrative Assistant to a Virginia Congressman and a Senator from Tennessee.

He finished at Washington and Lee in 1954 and was a fellow at Harvard in 1971. Today, he is editor of *The Bayonet,* just as he was 47 years ago at Augusta.

Treasurer

Ed Click, '50

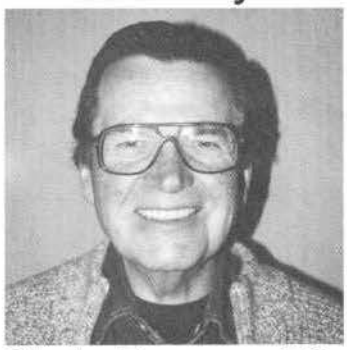
After a full career as an Army officer, Ed is now teaching inmates at the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Ed and Suzanne live in Fort Defiance, just up Route 11 from the school where Ed's mother, Sally Click Simmons, was the AMA nurse, and later the Housemother of Junior Barracks.

Ed studied jurisprudence at William and Mary, graduating in 1954, and received a masters from the University of Oklahoma in 1963.

He retired from the Army in 1974 as a lieutenant colonel in military intelligence. He had served in Alaska, Germany, Costa Rica, Korea and Vietnam.

Secretary



Clyde Ramsey, '49

Clyde spent most of his career in the temporary help business with Manpower, Inc. and Olsten Corporation.

He and Jean live in Asheville, NC. They have one son who is an administrative law judge in Connecticut.

Clyde attended Duke, served three years in the Army (including a 14 month tour in Korea), then returned to Duke to get his degree. He has been Vice President of the New York City Duke Alumni Association.

He is co-founder of the Smoky Mountains Fly Fishers Club, past president of various temporary help associations, a member of Kiwanis and active in Kappa Alpha, his fraternity.

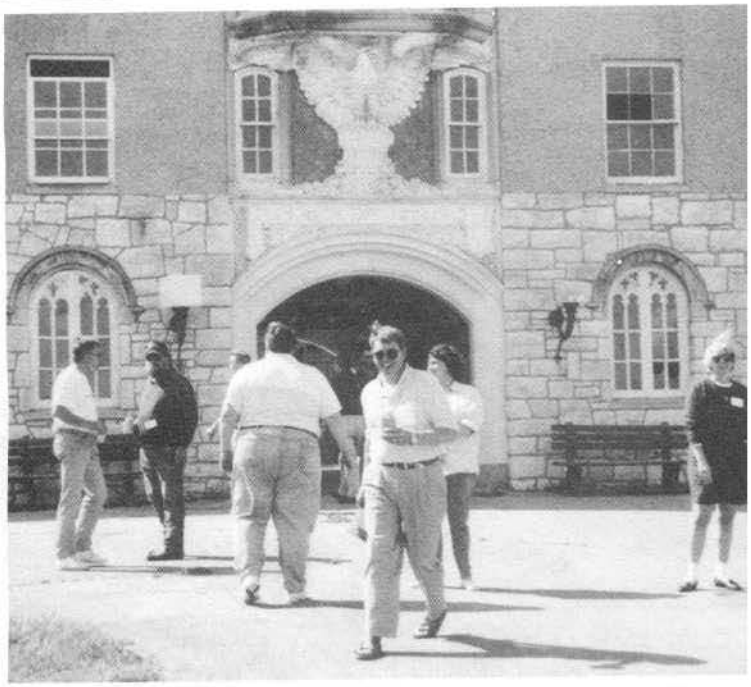
Chaplain

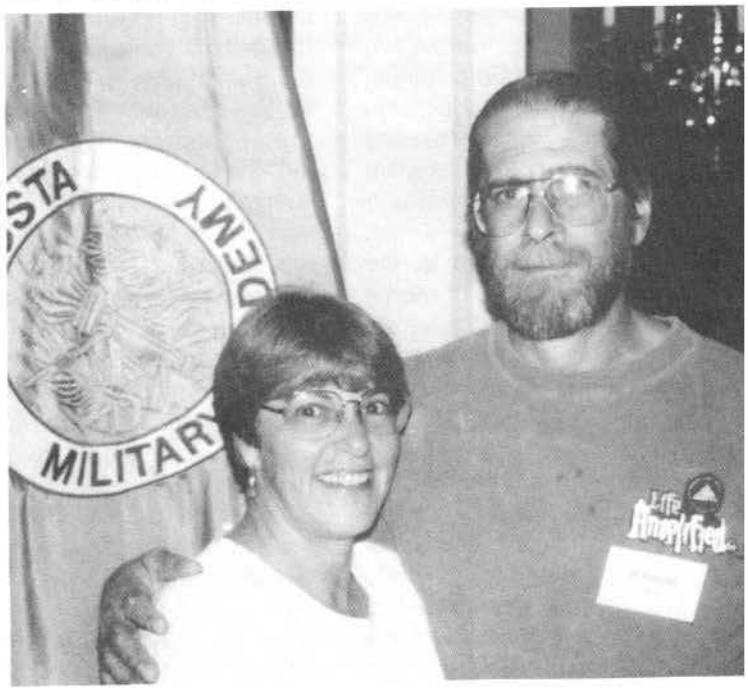
Bill Gray, '37

Bill is retired after a long career in supply. He spent the last 10 years before retirement in charge of supply for the national office of the Future Farmers of America.

Bill and Mary Ellen live in Arlington, VA. Bill has been very active in the VFW and the American Legion, having served in Italy, Africa and Corsica in World War II in the Army Air Force. He attended the University of Maryland, and is Past President of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

Bill is Past Grand Tall of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, a past director of the Greeters of the Shrine, and Chef de Gare of the Forty and Eight.

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1997 Reunion Memories...

Clockwise, starting in upper left: ***All Dressed Up!*** **Mike Bruder, '74**, and his wife Sabra at the Reunion; ***After 60 Years!*** **Doug Wright** and **Bill Gray**, both from the Class of 1937, celebrate their 60th anniversary; ***Outside the gym!*** **Alan Poole, '67** and **Mike Welch, '47** return to Augusta where they graduated 20 years apart; ***Thank you, Big Boy!*** **Ed Click, '50** presents **Linda Roller Livick** with an engraved tray honoring her grandfather, **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** at the Saturday night banquet; ***Land, Ho!*** **Captain Larry Kurtz, '38**, US Navy retired and Jill enjoyed the weekend; ***On their Honeymoon!*** **Al Harvell, '69**, and Diana were married at noon Friday May 2. That evening, they came to the AMA reunion dinner!; ***Fall In!*** Alumni back to visit Big Barracks on Saturday afternoon after the Founders Day ceremonies. ***Center picture:*** **The Class of 1967** turned out in force for their 30th reunion. Left to right, front row, **Rick Welch, Rob Carson, Carl Oliver, Mike Nolan, Mickey Toms, Mac McInnis** (who worked hard to get a good turnout from his class), **Jeff Scroeder, Tommy Pressly** and **Alan Poole**. Back row, **Steve Bailey, Rick Smail, Gordon Jernigan, Gary Coslop, Gordon Metz, Charlie Smith, Steve Matton** and **John Botcheller**

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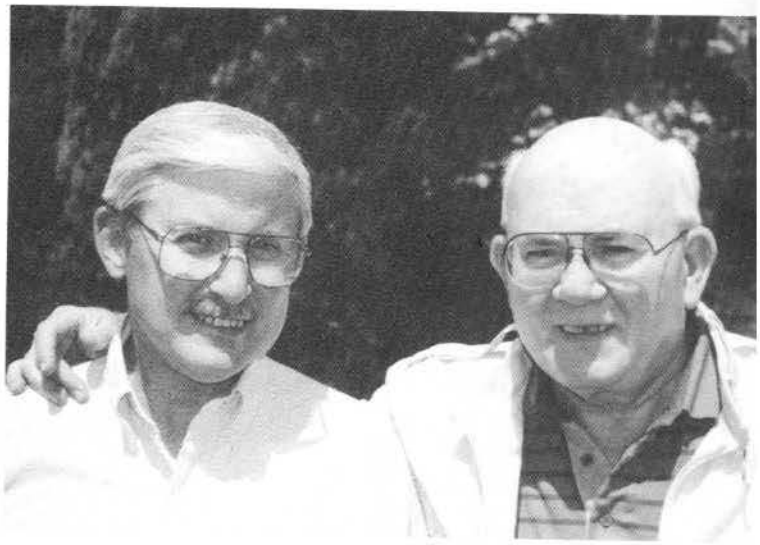

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BYRD, Norval Edgar, Jr., `36
CARVER, Arthur E., `32
COINER, Richard Alexander, `34
COLE, William H., `49
DAUGHTREY, Edward, Jr., `56
DENMEAD, Henley H., `37
DEYERLE, Thomas D., `27
DORRIER, Edward L., `26
DUNCAN, Richard G., friend
EASTER, Douglas James, `70
EGAN, Robert Raymond, `67
ELEY, Clifford H., Jr., `28
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FONTAINE, James W., Jr., `44
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LEMLY, Frederick W., `20
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MANN, Julian E., `22
MANOR, John Parsons, `58
MARINER, G. Robert, `56
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MITCHELL, Elnathan, `32
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WEBSTER. Henry Morison, `23
WEBSTER, John Spears, Jr., `27

As the shadows lengthen tonight, the sun will set on an empty barracks, but your memories will soar with you for eternity... ...goodbye.
- from General Roller's tombstone

TAPS

Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA Alumni to the AMA Chaplain, Bill Gray, '37. 5111 - 8th Road, South, #107 Arlington, VA 22204-2817 Phone: 703/820-4781

Admiral Frederick W. Lemly, '20
30 May 1991, age 87. Served in Navy and was discharged after World War II as a commander; later, rear admiral in Naval Reserve. Survived by his wife, Helen, and a daughter, Helen.

James W. Ramsey, '27
12 June 1977. Insurance agent for 40 years with State Farm. Wife, Mollie Heizer Ramsey, recently passed away. Survived by two sons, Louis of Wintergreen, VA and James, Jr., of Charlottesville.

Thomas Reamer Wallace, '31
17 March 1997, age 84, Hot Springs, VA. Co-founder, Clarkson and Wallace Real Estate and Insurance, Bath County, VA. Founded company in 1940's with **James Clarkson**, his math teacher at AMA. Hampden-Sydney, BA. US Army, 1st lieutenant, World War II. Board, Bath County National Bank. Deacon, elder and trustee, Warm Springs Presbyterian Church; Mason, Shriner, Rotarian. Survived by his wife, Inez Lockridge Wallace; a stepdaughter, Nell Carpenter of New York City; and a sister, Virginia Ruppersberger of Pinehurst, NC.

Edward Francis Haley, Jr., '31
11 March 1997, age 83, Lynchburg. Owner, Haley's Antique Postcards and Prints. Lions Club; Timberlake Homeowners Association. Survived by five children, ten grandchildren, a brother, Lieghton Haley of Roanoke; and a sister, Frances Haley Dunnaway of Salem, OR.

Arthur E. Carver, Jr., '32
31 March 1997, age 83, at home in Montross, VA. Past President of the Northern Neck Coca Cola Bottling Company; former Chairman of the Board of the former Bank of Montross; former Director of Northern Neck Building Supply, Inc. From 1957 to 1969, served on the Westmoreland County (VA) School Board. Attended Hampden-Sydney and University of Virginia. Served in US Navy in Panama in World War II. Survived by his wife, Lois; a son, Arthur, III, of Lottsburg, VA; and three daughters, Rebecca Jo Carver of Spotsylvania, Gwendolyn O'Dell and Nancy Weakley, both on Montross.

Elnathan Mitchell, '32
2 May 1977. No other details.

Henley Harvey Denmead, '37
23 October 1993, age 74, West Point, VA. Retired in 1969 as superintendent of the Chesapeake Corporation woodlands department. Later, went into the fast food business on Virginia's Eastern Shore. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away 5 May 1996. Survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Denmead Hamilton of Richmond; and two sons, Henley Denmead, Jr. of West Hartford, CN, and Colonel Charles F. Denmead, USA, of Westminster, MD; 5 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren.

Roberto Poey, '50
Lived in Miami and Mexico. Agriculture consulting business. Twin brother of **Federico Poey, '50**. Survived by his wife, two daughters, and grandchildren. (Reported by **Manuel Balbis, '53**)

Frank Turlington, '67
12 September 1995 in an automobile accident in Montana. Owned and operated a rodeo; taught bull riding to kids with discipline problems. Played football, basketball, and baseball at Augusta. (Reported by **Mac McGinnis, '67**)

Edwin Lane Noel
22 March 1997, Henrico County, VA. Vietnam War veteran. Survived by his mother, Anita Bernecker Noel.

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

Looking for a lost roommate, or an AMA cap? Look here! If you can help, contact Ed Click, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. 540/248-0507.

Wanted: 1963 *Recall.* Will gladly make a donation to the AMA Alumni Association for a copy of this yearbook. **Luke Snyder, '60**.

Looking for cadets from '61, '62, '63 to correspond with. **Bill Horan, '62**. e-mail: michagg@mail.mich.com

Wanted: 1949 *Recall.* Willing to purchase or make donation to Alumni Association. **Paul Edelman, '44**.

Addresses sought for **Dick Whittaker, Curt Selby** and **Mike Sisak**. **Steve Pearson, '72**.

Searching for my Augusta roommate **Eugene Green** from Norfolk. **Frank Hawkins, '45**.

Where are my roommates? **Bill Woy** from West Virginia; **Chuck Craft** from Clifton Forge. **Jim Holtzman, '60**.

Looking for **Herb Holloman,** former President of U. of Oklahoma. **Zeb Hume** from Roanoke; **Jack Haley** of Providence, RI; and **John Hackney** from North Carolina. **Bill Welte, '38**.

Searching high and low for CWs **Craig Roberts** and **Joe Payne**. **Rod Rodriguez, '62.**

The 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion will be May 1-2! Plan now to attend!

Last picture of the Big Boy?

In the March *Bayonet*, we published what we thought was the last picture taken of **General Roller**, above right. Apparently, that was *not* the last one.

Wayne Higgins, '63, ought to know. He was the captain of the AMA Rifle Team in 1963 which won the national championship for the Blue and White. On the evening of 14 March, General Roller came into the Mess Hall to present Wayne and his teammates with their first place national trophy.

Colonel Savedge snapped the photo, above left, of PMS&T **First Sergeant Charles Dillow**, left, and Wayne, right, who proudly holds the trophy.

Two days later on 16 March, the Big Boy collapsed while shaving. He died that evening, never having regained consciousness..

After the funeral, Wayne says that Colonel Savedge had the photo specially framed and presented it to Mrs. Roller *"since it was the last picture taken of the general ."*

The photo at the right was also taken by "Doc" Savedge in February of 1963 in the Big Room. So far as is known, this is the only picture of the General seated in a classroom with his boys. Just before this picture was taken, General Roller had shown his college algebra class how to take the cube root of a very long number. *"He used up most of the blackboard demonstrating and explaining the formula,"* Wayne recalls. In the picture, above, left to right, the late **Ralph Butts**, First Captain in 1962-63; the late **Doug Mains**, **Al Berliere**, **Rex Swinford**, **Larry Staples** and **Lenny Lori**.

The hitchhikers get a lift, and a BIG surprise!

It was a cold and snowy night in Fort Defiance. Just back from their Christmas break, it seemed the ideal time to sneak away for a little R&R.

"It was 1940," **Tom Behrendt, '40**, recalls, *"and three of us were out walking in the snow. As we neared Route 11, we said it would be fun to hitchhike somewhere. Maybe to Harrisonburg; we didn't care. Just wherever the driver would take us."*

There was almost no traffic on the wintry evening, but then the boys saw headlights peeking through the falling snow, a car moving slowly north up the Valley Pike. The boys put out their thumbs in the time-honored custom.

"Much to our delight, the car stopped and we all piled into the back seat, thankful to get out of the cold.

"The car didn't move, and I said, 'Thanks for picking us up, sir. It's cold out there.' Still, the car did not move. It was as if the driver was trying to decide what to do next."

After what seemed to be an eon, the driver's heavily clothed arm reached up to turn on the car's ceiling light. *"Our uniforms stood out in the light, but the driver was now looking at our faces. Oh, Lord have mercy! It was* ***Major Roller*** *himself!"*

Hearts beat fast as the Big Boy asked, *"Now where do you men think you are going?"* Tom says that he pointed to the Stone Church and said, *"Sir, we are on our way to church to thank the Lord for all the nice things you have done for us."*

Unimpressed, Major Roller made a U-turn and took the

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Art Mitchell, left, and Tom Behrendt, both of the Class of '40, on another hitchhiking trip, this time California bound.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

WE ARE GRATEFUL to all our Augusta alumni and friends for their contributions to the AMA Alumni Association this past year. Listed below are donations May 1996 to May 1997.

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Up to $25

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A. Keene Byrd, '59

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thanks!

FRANK'S FINDS - Frank Williamson, '60, left, located his old roommates and other classmates and got them back for the 1997 reunion. Left to right, Frank; Ed Trott, Byrd Newton, Bob Gevrekian, Bob White, Jim McLelland, Bill Campbell, and Dick Newman. Williamson, Trott, Gevrekian, White and Newman were roommates.

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Reunion *(from page 1)*

since the last reunion. **Mickey Gordon, '39**, paid tribute to AMA's founder in the cemetery ceremony. Cadets toured the Old Stone Church and the church museum, and visited once more the AMA campus where the deteriorating buildings and grounds brought tears to many eyes.

Two banquets

There were dinners Friday and Saturday evenings. The hospitality suite was open and operating from Thursday evening until mid-morning on Sunday. Members of Ad Astra met for breakfast Sunday morning.

The classes of 1967 and 1972 had great turnouts as they celebrated 30th and 25th anniversaries respectively. **Mac McInnis, '67**, beat the bushes to get his classmates to return. **Steve Pearson, '72**, found many of his classmates through the internet.

Contributions (from page 17)

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Robert S. White, '60
James A. Worley, '70
John C. Wright, '70
Captain John R. Wright, '63

Augusta Memories...

Jack Woods, '30, says that **Colonel Tom** would rub his hand over his head and tell his cadets, *"The bad thing about getting bald is that you have so much face to wash!"* Jack said that the Colonel *"really gave me hell one day when he came into his back yard and found that I had tied **Hilton** (his daughter) to a tree... It was her idea, but I got in trouble."*

Lewis C. Towers, '32, attended Augusta in the midst of the Great Depression. *"The short time I spent at AMA left an indelible mark on my life for which I am thankful... I am sad that AMA is no more, believing that the lack of training of our young people has resulted in a deterioration of today's youth..."*

Mother Mac, 1930

Bob Guggenheimer, '43, remembers *"what a sweet woman **Mother Mac** was. We came back from Thanksgiving break early, and the **Big Boy** had put out baskets of apples on the stoops for us. Well, some us got very sick from eating these apples, and I was still in the infirmary when news came over the radio that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Mother Mac went from room to room telling us not to worry, and just get well..."*

Jimmy Dean, '46, recalls *"the terrible illness at our Winter Ball. I remember the big bomb too, but I don't know who set it off. Some thought I did it, but they were wrong..."*

Lee Steeley, '57, marched many miles around the drillfield because he and three other cadets decided to visit a night club in Washington one Saturday night. *"**Jim** and **Jack Harrison, Ed Phelps** and I planned to spend a few hours at the Blue Mirror. We broke into pairs, and Jim and I hitched a ride to Washington. We walked into the Blue Mirror in our uniforms, and a scantily clad girl asked, 'Are you Lee Steeley?' We were shocked beyond imagination... We were told to call Jack at AMA... We discovered that we were not covered at evening roll call, and **Colonel Roller** had already called our parents. We took the first bus back to Fort Defiance... and I was busted back to private, removed from the Roller Rifles, confined to barracks, and lost my membership on the Honor Committee. Colonel Roller did let all of us graduate though..."*

Luke Snyder, '60, pays tribute to the late **Ed Daughtery, '56**: *"Ed was my assistant squad leader my rat year. He taught me how to survive those difficult days... He was a 'regular' guy... and conveyed a lot of character to this 11 year old."*

Ray Kerlin, '62, stopped by the school two years ago. *"It was pretty depressing. I thought of all the good times we had there and hope that the school will someday reopen..."*

Tom Haley, '66, remembers that *"**General Roller** would hold a Springfield rifle at arm's length, and proceed to give a lecture. His hand didn't shake... his arm did not quiver. He was the strongest man I ever knew."*

Carl Rossman, '66, was in Band Company. *"I drove by AMA recently while on a business trip. My memories are still there, except the old Band Barracks behind the mess hall is gone."*

Doug Pennock, '72, recalls *"my first haircut from 'Bennie the Barber,' reveille and formation on the blacktop on a cold February morning, a Roller Rifle parade in Richmond and town leave after the march, Stuart Hall, and graduation day tears... thousands of memories that only a member of the AMA fraternity can understand. And most important, the lifelong friends, brothers if you will, made at the Academy... Each of us can think of something we learned at AMA that added to our successes in life."*

Blaine Clarke, '72, says that *"The years I spent at AMA (1965-72) formed my character and the values I have had from that time on. Reading the Bayonet and looking at the old pictures remind me of those days, the friendships I made, the adversities I overcame, and the goofy stuff I got away with! I miss my days at AMA and feel grateful for the lessons I learned and the teachers who taught me."*

Bill Huegel, '80, attended AMA for four years starting out in F Company and ending up in Charlie Company. *"My years at AMA were the most influencing of my youth. My brother **Duain, '70**, had applied to Augusta and **Colonel Hoover** came to our house to interview my parents and Duain. After that, I hounded my parents relentlessly to send me to Augusta... which they finally did. I also have a younger brother **Bryan Huegel, '78**, who attended AMA."*

Our memories of Augusta will last 'til there are only two left to share them

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Board actions taken in May

These actions were taken at the 3 May meeting of the AMA Alumni Association board and at the annual membership meeting:

✱ Elected **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, President of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc. His term commences 1 July.

✱ Elected the incumbent President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, to the board for a term ending in 2000. Reelected to the board **Lewis Kennett, '72, Robert Rhea, '47, Frank Spencer, '49** and **James Starnes, '50**, each for terms ending in 2000.

✱ Requested the alumni to provide *The Bayonet* with current news items for publication.

✱ Selected the weekend of May 1-2 as the date of the 1998 reunion. A reunion planning committee was appointed by President Nicholson as follows: **Tommy Simmons, '53, Elliott "Corky" Ridge, '59, Lewis Kennett, '72**, and **Gary Nicholson, '70**. The committee will discuss next year's theme and activities.

Hitchhiker *(from page 16)*

trembling trio back to Big Barracks where they were put under honor arrest until the next morning.

"I was recognized as the ringleader, and because I was a senior I got the most penalties," Tom remembers.

And when *The Recall* came out at the end of the class year, it was duly noted in Tom's listing that he was *"the only cadet in the history of AMA to hitchhike a ride with Major Roller in order to go AWOL."*

Says Tom, *"I'm proud of that!"*

Video of AMA reunion available

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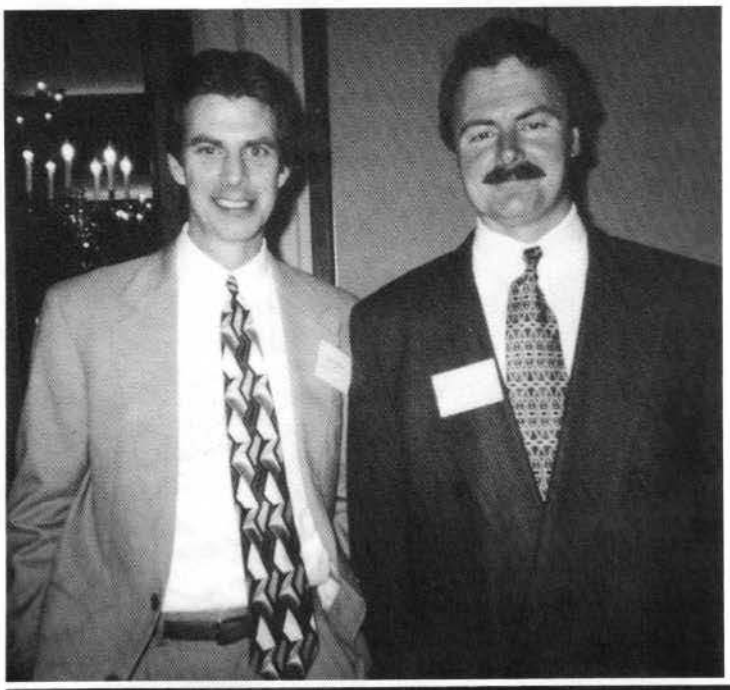
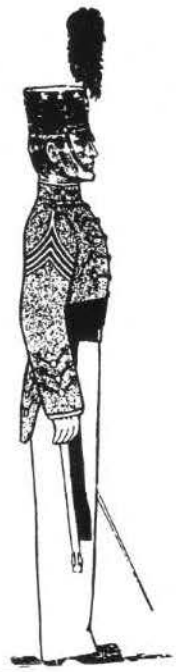
Jim Mitchell, '76, presents a gift to Colonel Livick after having praised him from the banquet podium.

Virginia Hallock, Colonel Tom's granddaughter, stood in for her mother at the Saturday salute to her grandfather. Hilton Roller Grasty, Colonel Tom's daughter, had planned to attend, but was taken ill. Virginia holds a gift to Hilton from the Alumni Association in honor of Colonel Tom.

Mickey Gordon, '39, speaks at the Founders Day ceremonies at the Stone Church. Listening intently are Frank Spencer, '49, and Gary Nicholson, '70.

Top, Goodloe Saunders, '57, newly elected AMA Alumni Association President, presents a gift of gratitude to retiring President Gary Nicholson, '70. *Center*, Lee Lewis of Rocky Mount, NC and Chris Vetick of Crownsville, MD, both from the Class of '77, at their 20th reunion; *Bottom*, Dottie and Captain Ben Chiswell, '32, enjoy dinner with Lee Manch whose husband Jack, '38, flew in the famous Doolittle raid on Tokyo in World War II. The Chiswells were back for their first reunion in 65 years. Ben represented the oldest class at the reunion, and travelled the farthest to attend the event, all the way from Lake San Marcos in California.





Corrections

In the AMA school history, appearing in the March *Bayonet*, it was implied that when Professor **Charles Roller, Sr.** died in 1907, he left four children, including **Maggie Bell Roller Robinson**. In fact, Maggie Bell did not marry **Colonel Warren Robinson** until 1918.

In a picture of **Colonel Tom** and **Major Charles Roller, Jr.** at a Sunday dress parade, the third faculty member in the picture was identified as **Tom Roller**, Colonel Tom's son. Several alumni say that it is not young Tom, and believe instead that it is **Rives Worsham**, who was on the faculty from 1938 until World War II began in late 1941.

In the **TAPS** article on the late **Les Higbee, '35**, it listed his place of business as Pleasantville, Pennsylvania. In fact, it was Pleasantville, New Jersey.

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Saunders supports bequests, museum

Goodloe Saunders, '57, who becomes President of the AMA Alumni Association on 1 July, is promoting two ideas that will assure the Association's future while offering protection to Augusta's heritage.

Saunders points out that many schools and other non-profit groups *"rely more and more on income from bequests, wills, and trusts. Often, it is enough to let friends know that such an option exists, and they will be sure to include AMA in their wills. It is a way to assure that Augusta will never be forgotten, as scholarships and other such programs train generations of kids who were not even born when Augusta closed its doors."*

Gift for building

Goodloe points out that the Alumni Association already has received $15,000 from a potentially larger bequest, and that money *"must be used for bricks and mortar. This gift literally 'dropped into our laps,' and now would seem to be the time to explore anew the acquisition of permanent space to house an AMA Museum."*

Future AMA Museum? The Fort, as it looks today. Didn't it seem bigger?

This is not the first time there has been talk about a place to keep the school records and other treasures. When the school first closed, and several times thereafter, the museum idea has surfaced, but funding was never available.

"Now," says Goodloe, *"we have the seed money for a museum, or repository, and we should investigate to see if we can find an appropriate building."*

A will to give

Goodloe points out that many friends of AMA would like to make a significant gift, *"but their generosity must be tempered by the financial responsibilities they have to themselves and their families. But it is possible to help us through wills and bequests without neglecting other obligations."*

In forthcoming issues of *The Bayonet*, the different options will be outlined, including bequests, trusts that pay the giver the rest of his and his spouse's life with the principal going to the alumni association after death, gift annuities, and the like.

Seize the moment

"We have an opportunity that may not come our way again," Goodloe concluded. *"I hope that we can seize the moment to find new ways of perpetuating the memory of AMA, including an emphasis on ways we can all continue giving when we are no longer here. If we can do that while getting an Augusta museum in place, we will have accomplished what we heard so eloquently heralded at the reunion - keeping our memories alive until there are only two left to share them."*

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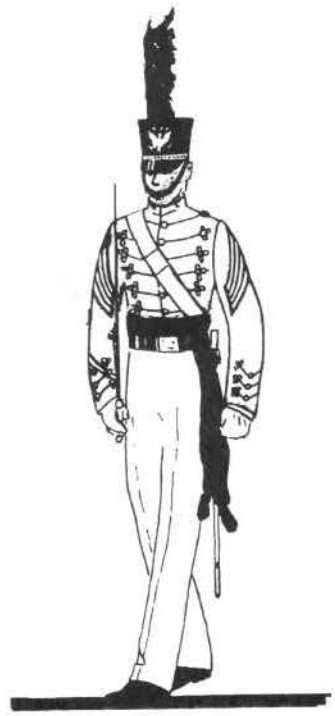

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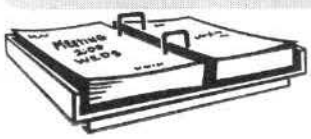

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